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SUBJECT: Action Description Memorandum (ADM) Review: Proposed Remedial Action of Vicinity Properties, Maywood, New Jersey

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After reviewing all of the pertinent facts including the attached Action Description Memorandum (ADM), I have determined that the remedial action described in the subject ADM is an action which in and of itself will have a clearly insignificant impact on the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.

The Conference Report accompanying the Energy and Water Appropriation Act for FY 1984 directed the Department of Energy (DOE) to give priority to the undertaking of a decontamination research and development project at the Stepan Company site at Maywood, New Jersey, and the vicinity properties which became contaminated from the site. The Conference Report directed \$2,000,000 to be used to initiate the work in fiscal year 1984. The Secretary has included the project in the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program.

The general approach to the project at this site is, in the initial phase, to decontaminate the vicinity properties and store the waste on the Stepan site. During the first phase DOE will take corrective actions as necessary to prevent further offsite contamination from the site. DOE will also restore the vicinity properties to a physical condition equivalent to that before the remedial action. In a second phase, subject to congressional direction and funding, the waste buried on the site and the stored vicinity property waste would be removed and transported to a permanent disposal site in New Jersey.

Separate environmental reviews will be prepared to support future decisions on remedial action at other vicinity properties, permanent disposition of the contaminated materials or other remedial actions that may impact the

quality of the human environment within the meaning of the NEPA, 42 U.S.C.  
4321 et seq.

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